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A FEARFUL CRIME.

The crime that has been committed at Makaweli may well strike this community with horror. It is true that we have a criminal population, as all populations have. It is impossible even on the mainland or in Europe to get together a population of saints, but there is an effort to keep the criminal element down. We must make that effort here.

There have been far worse crimes committed in great cities than this Kauai crime, as witness the crimes of the Clan na Gael in Chicago, and the murders of the so-called "Jack the Ripper" in London. But we want no sensational crimes. We want to be understood as a law-abiding, respectable community. No community can avoid its cranks, its madmen, and its criminals, but it can punish and should punish the latter with unswerving severity.

The murder of G. H. Glennan, the young civil engineer on Kauai, can be directly traced to the laxity of our juries as now constituted. The murder was committed for the purpose of revenge. Had the jury in a recent case condemned the perpetrator to his very justly deserved death, Glennan would in all probability be alive today.

The reasoning on the matter is very plain. The oriental mind takes in the fact that, as in the Jones case, the man had deliberately killed a woman. The oriental mind very quickly appreciates that the man who committed the crime was legally exonerated. The oriental mind naturally decides that there can be no greater crime in getting away with inconvenient people. Translating from mind to matter, the materialistic oriental mind proceeds to take its possibilities and runs its own risk, which every one hopes will be the halter, save the attorney for the defense.

From the Star's point of view the murder of G. H. Glennan was the direct result of the unwise clemency shown by the jury in the Jones case. Jones killed his victim, of that there is no doubt, but in the legal mind there is a doubt. Jones escaped with his neck unstretched. Naturally the Japanese on Makaweli plantation read the case up and very promptly made up their minds to do something better. It was the natural reasoning. The men who committed the murder saw an excellent chance of getting off, even if they were caught. Of course they will do their best to avoid capture, but even if they should be captured there is a reasonable chance of getting off. The murderer or murderers can be shown to have had some disease in times long past, it will be competent to show that they are now non compos mentis, and a dozen physicians will be ready to help out the lawyers with learned views upon sanity and insanity. Meanwhile an estimable young man has been hurried into eternity, and a good citizen has been lost to the Territory.

In time our juries and our judges will learn the wisdom of severity. They may have to be taught by severe lessons, but they will learn. Crimes of violence so readily affect everyone in a small community that they come home to each individual more readily than they do in a very large community.

THE COUNTY ACT.

The County Act has been knocked out by the Supreme Court and we return to the old Territorial position. What will be the outcome of the position no one can tell at the present writing. The Governor at once called the heads of departments together and held a consultation. A number of the prominent business men have met him this morning. Out of it all there will come some action, and the general public will have ample opportunity to express its views.

The most serious aspect of the position has been the status of the sheriffs upon the other islands, and that of the prisoners. A hiatus or lack of continuity in the authority of such officers might have led to a general fall delivery, which however admirable it might appear to the wrong-doers would not be agreeable to the rest of the community. This was promptly avoided by the Governor giving orders to the High Sheriff to resume his powers. High Sheriff Brown as promptly sent wireless messages to the sheriffs upon the other islands to resume control. In this way any chance of a hiatus has been avoided.

The taxes are another question demanding instant solution. Mr. Pratt has to have blanks altered at once altering the word County to Territory. Fortunately this can be done quickly. It is remarkably fortunate that the machinery of the Territorial government can at once be put in working order and it speaks well for the organizing power of the Governor that the reins can be taken up so quickly and with so little friction.

Within the next twenty-four or forty-eight hours some decision will be reached as to what course to take under the circumstances. There are very divergent views, but by discussion the true and the best course will be found, and a way found out of the present crisis. It is not a matter which can be decided offhand. It is one which will require all the thought and all the calmness that the community can bring to bear on the question.

TRADE OF THE GERMAN COLONIES.

Germany supplies about 50 per cent of the imports of her colonies; but the expense of administering these colonies is very heavy and out of all proportion to the profits realized from their trade. It is hoped by the German Government that they may in time become supply source for raw materials (cotton, coffee, rubber, etc.) for the home industries and attract the emigrating surplus of the German population.

According to an official publication the imports and exports of the German colonies in 1902 amounted to \$20,253,800, divided as follows:

Colony.	Value of Trade.
Togo.....	\$2,451,400
Kamerun.....	3,017,600
Southwest Africa.....	3,355,800
East Africa.....	2,570,400
South Sea Colonies.....	2,076,800
Kyao-chau (China).....	6,188,000
Total.....	\$20,253,800

Wherever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. When war correspondents are hurried to a particular point, and a mail steamer is detained so that they may take passage on her it begins to look somewhat serious. By the way Jack London, who passed through, is a young man who has made a great reputation as a writer. His "Call of the Wild" has been classed as superior to Rudyard Kipling's jungle books. Just recently he has published a book upon the low stratum of life in London, which has created an immense sensation. Jack London's theories are extremely socialistic.

How closely the Germans are watching their interests in Southern Brazil may be learned from the following extract from a German commercial paper.

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The Americans and the English are both endeavoring to exploit Brazil and all of South America commercially and industrially. The United States is seeking fields for her products, and already there is a demand for her agricultural machinery and other manufactures. A direct steamship service has been inaugurated between the United States and the Rio Grande do Sul, with monthly sailings. American promoters have already secured by purchase a concession for building a road in Santa Catharina, while the concession for the Torres-Porto Alegre line is still under discussion by the Government. The Americans carry on their negotiations through agents in order to secure as many favors as possible

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before they disclose their plans. The English, also, are investing capital in Brazil; an example of this is the Brazilian Cold Storage and Development Company, which does a business in exporting meat.

The Suez canal will make money out of the crisis in the east. Men of war and transports pay special rates. Were there no canal it would take Russia months to get her ships to the Orient.

Eben Low could certainly give ample information about the Hawaiian Stock farms, and no doubt he gave an interesting talk to the Oregonians.

The Sultan has had to give in on the Macedonian question and has accepted the inevitable. The work of reform will fall mainly upon Austria, since Russia is likely to have enough to do in the far East, and will have her hands full.

The impressing of the Marus as transports looks very much like business. The call of Russia for the entire volunteer fleet is still more significant. Nothing but war can result from such tactics. It seems as if it were now impossible to save a clash.

The Democratic party has organized itself here, and will be properly represented at St. Louis.

The opening of Mukden and Antong as treaty ports marks a farther advance of our trade with the east.

The county officials transacted business yesterday afternoon, and, it is said, propose to make a fight against the decree of the Supreme court.

The Kohala ditch matter has been long considered by Governor Carter as the most important for the Territory. The Attorney General has been at work on it without cessation, since it was put into his hands. He has arrived at a decision in the matter and has carefully framed the license. Bidding for the license will be the next step.

Central Union Church has a very large membership, very neatly 1000, but the membership of the Roman Catholic Cathedral is larger.

With the arrival of Mr. Hosmer, the Territorial forester, there will begin systematic work in this direction. Of

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AUDITOR FARLEY OF KAUAI RESIGNS

THE FIRST COUNTY OFFICIAL TO RESIGN—BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS PREVENT HIS SERVING.

The Kauai supervisors organized with the election of W. H. Rice as chairman. The following standing committees were appointed: Judiciary, county buildings and improvements; Messrs. Rego, Gay, and Mahikoa; Auditing and finance; Messrs. Fairchild, Rego and Gay; Roads, bridges and franchises; Messrs. Mahikoa, Gay and Fairchild.

Solomon Hanohano was appointed assistant to the county clerk. Persons acting as road supervisors were instructed to continue to so act until permanent appointments were made. All county officers were forbidden to employ or use their own property or the property of any members of their families for county purposes.

The board rented the W. H. Rice office buildings and the room adjoining the Y. M. C. A., for county purposes, for a monthly rental of \$25.

The road supervisors have been empowered to expend per month on the roads in their district the following amounts, until further notice, which amounts include salary of clerk to the Road Supervisor: Waimea \$500, Koloa \$300, Lihue \$300, Kawaihau \$200, and Hanalei \$100, total \$1400.

On Friday J. K. Farley qualified as auditor and immediately resigned. C. B. Hofgaard and J. D. Willard, were nominated to fill the vacancy. Hofgaard was appointed by the board.

The Wainiha Electrical franchise was granted to W. E. Rowell. The reason given for the resignation of auditor Farley is that owing to certain changes in his business arrangements, he would be unable to leave Koloa. It is understood he is to be offered the position of Deputy Tax Assessor for the District of Koloa.



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